motors in the international market. In view of this import duty on unwrought copper and copper rods has been reduced from 95 per cent to 50 per cent with effect from 30th December 1987. In addition in the budget for 1988-89 import duty has been reduced to 55 per cent *ad valorem* on copper conductors special copper alloy sections specified insulation materials and special electrical steel sheets used in electric machinery including electrical motors. Furthermore, electric motors used in the manufacture of monoblock and submersible pump sets have been completely exempted from the levy of excise duty in the budget of 1988-89.

Price control on finished medicines

*276. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee recommended price control on all those finished medicines which are based on any on of the ingredients covered under Price control;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not accepted this recommendation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have issued instructions to cover only those finished medicines where major ingredients are under price control; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Kelkar Committee recommended price control on all formulations of Category II drugs except the single ingredient Vitamin formulations and other single ingredient formulations sold in the generic name.

(b) to (d) Government have accepted the above recommendations. However, guidelines were issued clarifying that in case of combination products the drug would be considered as price controlled if the scheduled bulk drug forms major therapeutic ingredient of the formulation.

Calendar and dairies ready for distribution by public sector units

*277. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector units had ordered for their new year gifts like calendars and dairies in mid July of 1987;

(b) whether they had already spent the amount for this purpose and items are ready for distribution and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Placing of orders for new years gifts like diaries, calenders etc. is entirely the internal matter for the Public Sector Undertakings to decide and the Government has no information on the subject.

Complaints from Non Resident Indians

@*278. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of non Resident Indians have complained about the procedural delays in clearing their projects in India; if so, what are the details of their complaints;

(b) what steps have been taken to implement the single window concept for Non Resident Indians; and

(c) what was the amount of foreign exchange earned during the last three years as a result of N.R.I. investments?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Some references have been

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received regarding procedural delays in clearing NRI projects. To expedite clearance, a single window called the Special Approval Committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Industrial Development has been set up for simultaneous approval of Letter of Intent, Foreign Collaboration & Capital Goods to Non Resident Indians to set up industrial units.

(c) The investment made by NRIs in different schemes since April, 1982 upto 31st December, 1987 is as follows:—

Schemes	Amount (Rs. in crores)
(i) Direct investment (proposals approved)	1218.85
(ii) Portfolio investment (actual purchases of shares/debentures)	64.66
(iii) Deposits in Indian Companies	26.40
(iv) Bank Deposits (outstanding balances in NRE/FCNR accounts)	9217.48

Cumulative losses in the public sector units

*279. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 15th January, 1988, the Prime Minister told a meeting of the Chief Executives of the Public Sector Undertakings that Budgetary support for the public sector was ruled out as India's Budget could no more bear the added burden of sharing Public Sector losses; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the public sector units which have suffered losses continuously in each of the last three years and the cumulative loss suffered so far by each one of them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. The Prime Minister has not ruled out Budgetary Support for the Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) The names of the Public Sector Undertakings which have suffered losses continuously in each of the last three years and the cumulative loss suffered by each of them upto 31-3-1987 are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

Statement

(*Rs. in crores*)

Sl. No.	Name of Public Sector Undertaking	Cumulative loss as on 31-3-1987.
1	2	3
1	Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited.	33.68
2	The Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	476.94
3	Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	214.27
4	Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd.	333.23
5	Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.	37.98